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Talmage's Autobiography Ten Years After Death [From the London Daily News and Loader.]

T. De Witt Talmage as I Knew mous owner had felled. His talk with Him." By T. De Witt Talmage. John Myrray. 12s net.

It is not quite clear why the publication of Dr. Talmage's autobiography has been postponed till ten years af ter his death. He appears to have left the material in good order, and his vidow has only had to add an appenlix dealing with the last four years of his life. Perhaps there is on the whole as much gain as loss in the delay, for the preacher's judgments on current events are of more interest now that those events have become fixed in history than when they were merely the subject of contemporary Of such judgments the book is full, for Talmage's idea of an auto-biography was singularly broad. He writes a good deal about himself, it is true, but remarkably little about his immediate circle, so little, indeed, that mention of his first wife, the mother of his two children, is confined to a footnote added by his widow. His life story is really a diary that forms a running commentary on the movements of the social and religious life of his time. Talmage was an American through and through, and in the twenty-five years he held the pastorate of Brooklyn Tabernacle he became -to use a phrase that would have gratified him-almost a national in-

Theologically, of course, he was an extreme conservative.

There came on us a plague called Higher Criticism," he writes of a subject, what a splendid shillings-doctrinal trouble in 1892. "My idea worth! Here is a closely packed little example, and the best known, is his of it was that Higher Criticism meant lower religion. The Bible seemed to me entirely satisfactory. The chief hindrance to the Gospel was this everlasting picking at the Bible by people who pretended to be its friends, but who themselves had

never been converted." As evangelical in tone as they were rhetorical in language, his sermons had an enormous vogue. "Dr. Talmage widow writes. Perhaps vanity may not be the word to use, but at any rate he had an intense personal satisfaction in the tangible and visible results of his preaching. Ten million copies of the sermons published every week-180,000,000 people in all lands reached every Monday morning-pew rents realizing \$18,000 - the figures have an obvious fascination. Even

income-well over \$40,000though it is mentioned to correct exaggerated estimates, is converted into evidence of the cash value of Dr. Talmage in the public estimation. After all it is quite legitimate pride, and as much a national as a personal foible. With all his admiration of his country, Talmage was an unsparing critic

of many features in the national life. Graft, the trusts, intemperance, made the objects of fierce attacks. In social life his discriminations were sometimes curious. He would go as far to see a yacht race as to avoid a horse race. While he had no particular objection to prize-fighting ("seeing no reasonable cause why the law should interfere between two men who desired to pommel one another in public"), he would never be seen inside a theatre. On some modern literature he had decided views, and contemporary feminine fashions come in for an emphatic denunciation.

Throughout his life Talmage was in contact with most of the chief figures in American, and a good many in European, public life. He knew all the presidents from Lincoln ("the saddest-looking man I ever saw") to Mc-Kinley, and of all others he has something interesting to say. He was tribune he used to hand them to the received twice by the Czar in Russia, reporters so there was no attempt to an example of the way in which the n one case by Alexander, in the other by Nicholas; of Ruskin he has to say vidi tantum; Carlyle he missed altogether, but carried off from Cheyne
Walk a unique photograph of the sage
who came long after min, did exacts
the same thing, only he handed his in
before, and it is said was found letter
up by a set of moderates being swailowed
the same thing, only he handed his in
before, and it is said was found letter
up by a set of immoderates being swailowed
in which the black slaves of the south
might find freedom and the opportunity
to show what was in them.

Apart from his natural humanitarianin a toothache. His red letter day for a two hours' speech. Mr. Winston to make one bid higher in violence to was spent at Hawarden in 1890, among Churchill prepares, though one might get them. The Girondins made a meal

Gladstone drew a striking declaration of faith from the veteran statesman.

I asked him (Dr. Talmage writes) if the years had strengthened or weakened his Christian faith. were racing uphill. He stopped suddenly on the hillside and regarded me with a searching earnestness, a solemnity that made me quake Then he spoke slowly more serious-"Dr. Talmage, my only hope for world is in the bringing of the human mind into contact with divine revelation. Nearly all the men at the top in our country are lievers in the Christian religion. The four leading physicians of England are devout Christian men. I myself years, and during all that time I have been associated with sixty of profound and sincere conviction

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outset, though it hardly belongs to the

revolution, edited by Frenchmen for Frenchmen in the first place, and,

nentary on that world-shaking event in history from the point of view of

sort of handbook to French eloquence,

more especially as it contains not only

sometimes the speeches in extenso, but

These notes may serve to raise the

also appropriate biographical and

eternal question as to the difference

between improvisation at least in de-

Too many speeches are but essays

read on the sly. Burke's so-called

orations, thanks to his deplorable de-

livery, emptied the House or sent his

hearers to sleep. Yet how magnificent-

ly they read! The art of arts seems to be to prepare carefully, and then

rush it off as though it had but just

come into the mind. The only incon-

volves a bath after every speech. The

and consecutive thought in what they

how to say it with the furia Francese

which can alone give it any value for

audiences as they had in the time of

give them the appearance at least o

conceal the preparation. Louis Blanc,

who came long after him, did exactly

venience of this process is that it in-

livery, and the speech from "copy.

critical notes.

the revolution.

SOME ORATORS OF

THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

pocket volume with the gems of the reply to the unfortunate Marquis de

through the enterprise of the publishtions of the king." Mirabeau jumped ers, for Englishmen who have the up. "Yes, monsieur, we have heard

happiness to "know the language." It the intentions that have been suggest-

French seem to excel in this way. long run. One after another, with

There is always a foundation of logic quite a few exceptions, all who are

say, and at the same time they know venience in the attempt to stand be-

an audience, and especially for such other, Danton was a third, and so on

Mirabeau's Speeches. | a break in the bad luck with Royer-It is rather astonishing to learn that Collard, who lived to found a school

Mirabeau's speeches were prepared, of doctrinal philosophy. But he pru-

not always by himself; sometimes his dently went out of town after the vic-

friends lent a hand, and suggested tory of the Mountain. Camille Jordan

points, though all that was vital in was another of these exceptions.

have done

bayonet."

quality of oratory.

can think of but five of those sixty who did not profess the Christian religion, but those five men respected it. We may talk about questions of the day here and there, but there is only one question, and that is how to apply the Gospel to all circumstances and conditions. It can and will correct all that is wrong."

Dr. Talmage writes with true American raciness. His description of the visit paid him by a reporter (to write on "A Day with Dr. Talmage") makes much better copy than his guest is likely to have turned out. Touches of dry humor ("I have buried professional politicians, and the most of them made a very bad funeral for a Christian minister to speak at." "For a while we had a Tupper epidemic, and everyone grew busy writing blank verse-very blank") are refreshingly

requent. On the whole, the autobiography is not likely to change many judgments of the Brooklyn paster. Where it does will make more critics into friends than friends into critics. Those who felt his preaching to be rhetorical and professionalized will see little reason have been in the cabinet forty-seven to change their opinion, but they will be bound to agree that it was based on

was coming. He was a good debater,

Dreux-Breze, who early in the revolu-

a sort of order to do as it was told. and, "You have heard," he said, "the inten-

you to remind us of his discourses

Moderate Revolutionaries.

Mirabeau was lucky in his death

shameful as it was in its attendant

circumstances, for unquestionably his

desire to save the king, by giving him

the powers of a constitutional monarch.

would have cost him his head in the

quoted here finally suffered this incon-

tween the revolution and its prey.

Barnave was one. Vergniaud was an-

with Robespierre, Saint-Just, and

support the restoration. Surely,

The collection might be studied as

Here they are in their long procession

or the mountain, the mountain for

more piteous than to see the Girondins

'mountainous" than the mountain it-

self, and getting nothing by it. They

were executed, one might almost say

by battalions, and where they escaped

the guillotine a long list of suicides

prought their dismal story to a close.

It is one of the most dramatic things

quent of them all, is best seen in his

lesperate fight for life. His misfor-

tune was that Robespierre spoke last.

The destined victim seems to have had

cried, while the other was engaged in

knocking nail after nail into his coffin,

"Yes," cried Robespierre. "I am going to finish, and with you." The "Incor-

ruptible" won the day, but there soon

came a time when he himself had to

take the path of corruption with the

guillotine for his starting point. But

that a spectacle this last struggle was

-the huntsmen hounding on the pack

And what a stimulus to public-

of deputies, the pack yelling for their

speaking to feel that failure meant

death. The orators of the convention

were literally talking for their lives. At every pause they read death or glory in the looks of their audience. Their closure was a real guillotine.

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presage to his fate. "Finish" he

in history. Vergniaud, the most elo-

Desmoulins. It is quite a relief to find

The Origin of Life

[Alfred Noyes, in London Daily Mail.] In the beginning slowly grope we back Along the narrowing track, Back to the deserts of the world's pale

prime-The mire, the clay, the slime, And then, what then? Surely to something less;

You dare not halt upon that dwindling

Back-back to nothingness!

There is no gulf to stay Your footsteps to the last. Go back you must

Far, far below the dust, Descend, descend grade by dissolving grade We follow unafraid.

Dissolve, dissolve this moving world of men Into thin air, and then, In that abysmal night Will you have courage then to rise and Earth of this miracle?

Will you have courage then to bow the head

And say, when all is said:
"Out of nothingness arose our thought, Woke and brought forth that lighted city Those towers, that armored fleet?"

memorizes, too, as Louis Blanc must mal skies Reyond the centuries; Some of Mirabeau's happiest sallies Watched the pale mists across their preclude all possibility of preparation, darkness flow

since he could not have known what As in a lantern show, Weaving by merest "chance" out of thin worth! Here is a closely packed little example, and the best known, is his

Pageants of praise and prayer. Watched the great hills like clouds arise parliamentary oratory of the French tion came down to the assembly with and set.

And one named Olivet; When you have seen as a shadow passing One child clasp hands and pray;

When you have seen emerge from that comes out just at the right time, now ed to the king, but you cannot be his that Anatole France has given us in spokesman to the national assembly; One martyr ringed with fire; "Les Dieux ont Soif" a sort of com- you who have here neither place nor

the man in the street. It really is a However to avoid all misunderstandwoman's love-lit face-Will you have courage then to front that ing and delay, I tell you that if you have been told to make us leave this selections from the great speeches and place, you must ask for orders to em-From which our sophists draw Their only right to flout one human

ploy force. Go and tell your master creed. that we are here by the power of the That nothing can proceed, people, and that we are only to be Not even thought, not even love, from driven from here by the power of the It was but a short speech, Than its own nothingness? out it had everything needful in it,

especially that quality of reason pene-The law is yours, but dare you waive trated and made hot with passion your pride which has been defined as the essential And kneel where you denied? The law is yours; dare you rekindle,

One faith for faithless men And say you found, on that dark road In the beginning-God?

Henry Clay's Dream Liberia Founded By Rev. T. B. Gregory in New

It was 96 years ago-August 1, 1816that the great Kentuckian's dream reached the initial stage of its materialization n the shape of the "American Coloniza-Clay had a heart in him that was as big as a mountain, and he could well have exclaimed with the Roman poet, "I am a man, and therefore nothing that is

them was afterwards added by the even raised an insurrection against a man, and therefore nothing that is master. But how did he manage to the revolution itself, and yet lived to human shall be a matter of indifference having been done hot and hot from medals were given for miracles he the brain and heart? On leaving the would have had a claim. The representative of a slave state and himself a slave owner. Clay dearly love the thought of freedom, and his fathering of the American Colonization Society was largely due to the fact that he was anxious, by the means of such society, to establish somewhere a country revolution devoured its own children.

Apart from his natural humanitarianism, Clay knew that slavery was the one great menace to the peace and safety of his country; and it was, therefore, with a double reason that he took up with such vim the founding of a negro state Robespierre and his gang. Nothing is a double

trying to prove that they were more in Africa. Mainly through Clay's enthusiasm the year 1820 witnessed the founding of Liberia, on the coast of Upper Guinea, West Africa. Some thousands of negroes from the United States were assisted to the new state, and it was hoped that under the leadership of these the native blacks, not only of Liberia, but of all

Africa, might ultimately be conducted to h higher civilization.

With Monrovia as its capital, the United States as its special guardian, and all the countries of Europe as its friends and well-wishers, Liberia started along its way. Philanthropists the world over had great hope, but Mr. Clay was especially tourist. cially joyful.

unfortunately, the experiment not work. From the very beginwould not work. From the very begin-ning it was a failure; and today, 92 years after the experiment began, Liberia is in the "hands of a receiver." waiting to be disposed of as the receiver may determine

petual war between the native blacks and those that had come from the United States to "civilize" them. The "government" did not govern; the "statesmen" had no statesmanship; the administrative ability that is so essential in officials was not forthcoming and "object of the order of the ord

not forthcoming, and "chaos and old night" reigned everywhere. Instead of lifting the native negroes up to the level of their partial civilization, the ex-slaves from America fell to the level of the African savages, and before the first quarter of a century had passed it was apparent to all discerning minds that the Liberian experiment was a for-

lorn hope.
What the political future of Liberia is to be does not yet appear. Whether at a nod from this country the Liberian territories are to be gobbled up by the Eurcompulsory military service for German girls. An army of nurses should, in his opinion, follow each army of male combatants not only to care for the wounded, but to attend to everything connected with food and clothing. ritories are to be gobbled up by the Europinion, follow each army of male combatants not only to care for the wounded, but to attend to everything connected with food and clothing.

Every healthy German girl, says the professor, should look on training for this object as a pairiotic duty, and the knowledge acquired will be useful in the home if it is not utilized on the battle-field.

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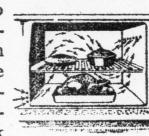


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At Newport the sixteen Quakers who had come over in the Woodhouse encountered no difficulty. The spirit of Roger Williams prevailed there, and in line with that spirit every man was granted the liberty of entertain-ing his own religious views without interference of the civil magistrates. But it was different in Massachusetts; and when the Quakers went to Boston they were fined, whipped, imprisoned and finally sent out of the colony. Four of them were put to death.

Endicott and his Puritans, furious as so many Mohawk Indians when Mohawk Indians were at their worst flamed against the innocent Quakers as though they were so many criminals of the deepest dye, and later on, Pennsylvania gained.

Driven from the Bay State the Quakers, reinforced by others who came over not long after, sought in the wilderness of Pennsylvania, and among the red men there, the asylum which had been denied them by the Christians of New England.

In the Keystone State, under their great leader, Penn, the Quakers founded the Commonwealth which is today the second State in the Union, and one of the fairest portions of our great country.
Under Penn's wise, just and hu-

mane policy the Indians were made to feel that the white man was their friend, and it goes without saying that there would have been no Indian wars had the other settlers treatea the red men as they were treated by Penn and his Quakers. It is hardly necessary to say that the influence of the Quakers in

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